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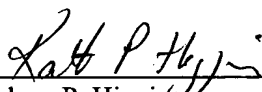
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of R. Sandeman, D. Chandler, A. Duncan, and P. Hay
Application No. 10/674,196 Group No. 1625
Filed September 29, 2003 Examiner Paul J. Killos
Insecticide and Method of Controlling Insects

(Atty. Docket No. P27,299 USA)

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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S NOVEMBER 15, 2004 ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit that the Examiner's November 15, 2004 election of species requirement is deficient because the Examiner has failed to identify any of the

species for the election required. Such identification of species for election is clearly required by the MPEP. MPEP §809.02(a). As such species have not been identified, applicants do not have a list of species from which to choose an elected species.

Applicants telephoned the Examiner on December 8, 2004 and left a message regarding the above but did not receive a response. As the deadline for responding to the Requirement without payment of fees is December 15, 2004, applicant is filing this Reply.

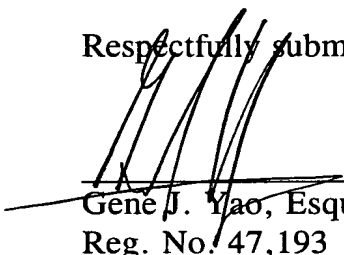
While the Examiner failed to define any species, applicants note that, on August 25, 2004, the former Examiner, Examiner Desai, for this case telephoned Patrick J. Kelly, attorney for applicants, and proposed an election of species requirement. In response thereto, during an August 31, 2004 telephone conference with the Examiner, insecticides comprising N-phosphomethyl-L-valine (also known as 3-methyl-2-(phosphomethylamino)butyric acid) and methods for making and using the same were elected as the species to which the claims shall be restricted should no generic claim be finally held allowable. Applicants accordingly elect, with traverse, such species in response to the present election of species requirement. Claims 28 to 32 and 34 to 55 read on this species. Traversal is based

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on the fact that the Examiner failed to identify any species in his requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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Reply to Examiner's November 15, 2004 Election of Species Requirement.

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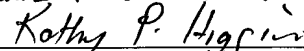

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